

Senate Resolution 552

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th and Pearson of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and recognizing Mike and Lynn Cottrell; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mike and Lynn Cottrell's generous gift of \$10 million to the North Georgia
3 College and State University School of Business and Government is the largest donation to
4 the school in the institution's 134 year history; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the business school will be renamed the Mike Cottrell School of Business; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mike is the owner of Gainesville based Cottrell, Inc., the world leader in
7 automobile transport equipment manufacturing; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mike and his wife Lynn established the Cottrell Circle C Ranch LLC, a
9 registered Black Angus cattle breeding business in Dahlonega spanning 846 acres with an
10 uninterrupted view of the Blue Ridge Mountains; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mike designed the ranch house and the layout of the property to take advantage
12 of the breathtaking views of the majestic mountains and the surrounding vistas; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Mike's son, Michael, a 2005 business marketing graduate of NGCSU, manages
14 the family cattle breeding business; and
- 15 WHEREAS, part of the Cottrell gift to the university will be used to establish the business
16 school's Center for the Future of North Georgia, an applied research resource for the region's
17 cities, counties, chambers of commerce, economic development authorities, and other public
18 and private entities; and
- 19 WHEREAS, the Center, providing a forum for the discussion of critical issues surrounding
20 the future development of the north Georgia region, has been made possible by the Cottrells'

1 vision and gift creating a perpetual endowment to support faculty, students, and programs;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, this generous gift will have the opportunity to make the North Georgia business
4 school one of the best schools of its kind and size in the country.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
6 commend and recognize the generosity and vision of Mike and Lynn Cottrell on the behalf
7 of North Georgia College and State University, the community, and the State of Georgia.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mike and Lynn Cottrell.